

Remarks

Telephone Interview with Examiner

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courteous telephone interview with Ms. Rachel Polster on April 15, 2004. During the telephone call, the Examiner and Ms. Polster discussed the scope of the claims as amended in previous Amendment C. The Examiner indicated that the compound claims presented in Amendment C were allowable and that the method of treatment claims (particularly claims 81, 82, 87, 91 and 96) would be allowable if the claims were amended to more specifically define the conditions to be treated. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claims 81, 82, 87, 91 and 96 as set forth below.

Amendments to Claims

Claims 71, 73-74, 81-82, 87, 91, 93 and 96 are amended in this Amendment D. Claims 83, 84, 88, 92 and 97 are canceled. Upon entry of the amendment, claims 71-82, 85-87, 89-91 and 93-96 will be pending in the application.

Applicants have amended claims 81, 82, 87, 91 and 96 to more particularly define the conditions treated by the methods of the present invention in view of the April 15, 2004 interview with the Examiner. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that each of the amended claims is supported in the specification and by canceled claims 83, 84, 88, 92 and 97.

Applicants have further amended claims 71, 73-74 and 93 to correct an obvious typographical error. In particular, the term "sulfoamide" has been replaced with the correct term "sulfonamide." No new matter has been added.

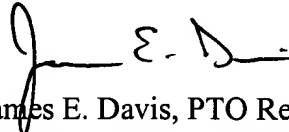
Claims 83-84, 88, 92 and 97 have been cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any canceled subject matter and/or any other subject matter disclosed in this application in one or more later-filed divisional and/or continuation applications.

It is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (314) 446-7683.

Amendment D
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Applicants do not believe that any fee is required by the timely submission of this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 08-0750. Further, if there is any other fee deficiency or overpayment of any fees in connection with this patent application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such deficiency or credit such overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750.

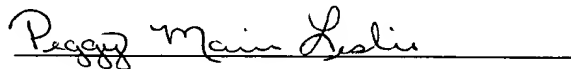
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